

**West Vincent Township  
Park and Recreation Commission**

**June 7, 2017**

**7:30 PM**

Attendance: Chairman Chip Farnham, Jim Deisinger, Whitney Jaeger, Bill Holderness, Maria Jacobs, Carlo Zanni, Bill Dietrich, Kristina Casey, Mike Schneider, Board of Supervisor Liaison, Township Manager Erica Batdorf, and Township Secretary Tammy Swavely.

Chairman Farnham called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

The minutes from May 3, 2017 were unanimously approved as submitted on a motion by Mrs. Jacobs and a second Mr. Holderness.

**Reports:**

*Community Garden:* Bill Dietrich reported that the garden is sprouting. There are 24 gardeners using 27 spaces. It is an increase by 3 gardeners from last year. He is also getting help mowing. He did request the Township to have a regular scheduled mowing around the outside perimeter. Mr. Dietrich stated that he would like to keep discussing the water availability. The 3,000 gallon water tank is filled every three weeks and costs about \$1,000 a year. He would like to get bids on getting a permanent water solution. He has the bids from last year and would like to get updated ones. Chip Farnham asked if a subcommittee could be formed for the garden. Mr. Dietrich stated that he felt the gardeners were the committee but that he was not opposed to having one. He would love having some help but feels that the commission should support the garden more. Mrs. Jacobs feels that a subcommittee would help in that respect, the more people involved makes things successful. Judy Poley and Ken Alan were gardeners present who both volunteered to be on the subcommittee. Mr. Alan shared that the garden is a wonderful community effort and he gets to meet new people and share food with the local food banks. Mr. Farnham asked Mr. Dietrich to come back to the committee with suggestions after he meets with his subcommittee.

*Picnic in the Park:* Mrs. Jacobs stated that this is set for July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Casey is preparing a sign to advertise it. Mrs. Jacobs stated that it would be nice to have a series and she reached out to another band for the following Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. It would be a good idea to budget for this next year since bands are an expense. She was able to get Voo Doo Deville by getting the Dulchinos to donate funds. Mrs. Casey stated another alternative would be to get canned music for some of the nights but this would require renting equipment. Mrs. Casey will forward the sign design file to Tammy Swavely to order 20 signs. Mrs. Swavely will order trash cans and inform the Police Department that we would like to use their electronic sign. An email blast will go out two weeks before the event to promote it.

*Movie in the Park:* Mrs. Casey interviewed people at Community Day to find out what movie people would like to see for Movie Night this year. There was a broad range of suggestions, but old action films was a common theme. It was decided to show *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Movie Night is August 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 PM.

*Community Day:* Mr. Farnham thanked Mrs. Jacobs and the Girl Scouts for participating in Community Day on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It was a good day for making kites, Mrs. Jacobs reported that 22 kites were made.

*Trails Subcommittee:* Ms. Batdorf updated the Fellowship Trail Phase I plan stating that it will be going out to bid shortly. Phase II is progressing with an agreement with St. Matthews Church. The church is amiable to the agreement language, with a few minor details to sort through and that will be complete. There was a Board meeting at the Fox Hollow Trail and a walk through. Ms. Batdorf stated that it was good for the Board to see the conditions and for the Road Crew to feel supported in the work that needs to be done. The next steps will be for Mr. Holderness and Mike Schneider to flag and tag the trail so that the Road Crew can do the work. Mr. Holderness stated that he surveyed Cooks Glenn Trail and he found another crossing across private property. This is a reason why the map is still on hold. Mrs. Jaeger stated that she remembers a trail on the Addis Subdivision. This will be looked into. Trail markers were discussed. It would be good to get a logo with all the Township signs similar so that they will be easily identified. Mr. Holderness is still working on the list of Township assets. Hopefully by the next meeting he will have that. Mrs. Jaeger discussed trail etiquette and signage. She would like signs at the entrances to the Township to inform all about what is appropriate and how bikes and horses should relate to each other on the road. Mr. Farnham would like to move this forward for the safety of all. Ms. Batdorf will work on sample language. An article can be prepared for the website, Facebook and a future newsletter. Ms. Casey stated that if someone would like to take the time to have a brief presentation at the elementary school it would be welcomed.

### **Old Business:**

*Field Maintenance:* Bids were received on the specs developed by the commission earlier this year. After reviewing them, there were additional questions. The bidders will be contacted to interpret the quotes. This will be for fall work. It is possible that new bids will be created.

### **New Business:**

*Picnic in the Park:* Mrs. Casey made the motion to authorize the expenditure for signs to advertise the picnic in the total amount of \$300.00. Mrs. Jacobs seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

*Kiosk in Garden:* Mrs. Jacobs would like to have the Board publicly acknowledge Gene Krumenacker for the kiosk he built for his Eagle Scout project. Ms. Batdorf will see that this is placed on an Agenda.

### **Public Comment:**

Ken Alan, 21 Ivy Lane discussed the School House Park. He enjoys the park and would like to know what the perimeters are. It is a passive park and not really conducive to hiking. It is not that big. Ms. Shick stated that it should be mowed right now and there were discussions a while ago about putting in a path for walkers along the edge of the road. It would be a good idea for a bench and/ or a picnic table. Mr. Alan said that it is visually enticing and a nice place to sit on the hill.

He has also seen places similar that have the trees and fauna labeled which may be a good idea. He volunteered to help clear it. Mr. Farnham asked Mr. Alan to lead the effort since it is overgrown at this time. He said that he would be on a committee, but did not feel comfortable taking the lead. Jim Deisinger and Bill Holderness will work with Mr. Alan and develop a vision for the School House Park.

Sara Shick, 1201 Davis Lane shared information with the commission about National Trails Day which is the first Saturday in June. It would be a good time to promote the trails and parks in West Vincent.

Ms. Shick asked about the survey from the Parks and Recreation Commission. It was just closed two days ago and the results will be shared at the next meeting.

Ms. Shick asked if there was information on the Wilson's Corner Park and she was informed that there are pages on the website describing each park.

There was a discussion on the No Swimming signs that were on the Township Park along French Creek. Ms. Batdorf will look into this.

On Your Park, Get Set Go! was discussed. A park ambassador is required to assist the Mrs. Swavely in the efforts to boost the competition. Mrs. Casey will volunteer.

4<sup>th</sup> of July: This will now be a block party. There will be a road closure from 9:30-noon. Neighbors will have cookies, lemonade and the reading of the Declaration of Independence will occur. All neighbors will be notified of the block party so that they can make arrangements.

Mr. Farnham concluded the meeting saying that if the Park and Recreation Commission can work together amazing things will happen.

Meeting Adjourned 9:55 PM.